Remarks

I. Status

Claims 1-21 are pending. Claim 10 has been withdrawn as directed to a nonelected invention. Accordingly, claims 1-9 and 11-22 are presently under Examination.

II. The Requirement for Restriction

The Examiner has concluded that the originally submitted claims were directed to three independent or distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-9 and 11-22, drawn to compositions and electroconductive resins, classified in class 252, subclass 500;
- Group II. Claim 10, drawn to a method of making an electroconductive resin, classified in class 457, subclass 487; and
- Group III. Claim 22, drawn to a polymer, classified in class 525, subclass 50.

Accordingly, a requirement for Restriction has been issued. Applicant has amended claim 22, and respectfully submits that the amended claim is now directed to the invention of Group I. Accordingly, it is believed that examination of claim 22 with the claims of Group I is appropriate and in conformance with the Examiner's grouping of the claims.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for Examination, and earnestly solicit early notice of favorable action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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